

TENNIS CRACKS AT HERMITAGE

Fredericksburg Will Send Racquet Handlers to Battle for Honors on Courts.

Tennis at the Hermitage Golf Club is steadily on the increase. Notwithstanding that vacation season is here, the eleven courts are filled to overflowing every favorable afternoon. The many new members are taking on to the game with a vim, and the older players are even more enthusiastic than ever.

Saturday a match is on with Fredericksburg, when six of their players will come down to test their skill in both singles and doubles with the best of the Hermitage can produce. This should be a very interesting and exciting contest, as among the visitors expected is Fisher, of Baltimore, the youthful wonder, who made such an enviable showing in the Old Dominion tournament a few weeks back, not to mention several first-raters who will accompany him.

This is the first of a series of interesting matches with various places, arrangements for which are now under way. As these contests have a very healthful effect upon the game, the tennis committee is straining every point to make them thoroughly attractive.

On Monday next the yearly handicap tournament starts. By this arrangement every player has a fair show for the prize, and some very interesting developments are anticipated from the new material, of which there is an abundance.

SET-BACK GIVEN HORSE-RACING

Albany, N. Y., July 20.—Sportsman hopes of reviving horse racing in New York State this year received a decided setback to-night, when the Assembly by a vote of 53 to 62 defeated the Gitting bill designed to relieve directors of race track associations from liability for gambling carried on without their knowledge at race tracks.

Another attempt probably will be made to-morrow to pass the measure, as a motion to reconsider to-day's vote was adopted without comment, and laid upon the table.

"In my opinion this means that there will be no revival of racing in New York this year," said August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, when informed at his Long Island country home to-night of the defeat of the Gitting bill by the Assembly.

DRAFT HORSE WINS PAPER MILLS STAKE

R. T. C., Taken From Delivery Wagon Shows Heels to Classy Field, Grabbing \$10,000 Purse at Kalamazoo Harness Meet.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 20.—After winning one heat of the Paper Mills \$10,000 stake for 2:14 class trotter at the Grand Circuit meet, before rain put a stop to the program yesterday, R. T. C. came back to-day and proved conclusively that his victory was not a "dash in the pan," as many horsemen believed. Last year a delivery horse, R. T. C., again to-day showed his heels to a high class field, and never in the two heats needed to decide the event was he in danger of defeat.

Just as easy as he took the first heat yesterday Anvil won the final two heats of the 2:14 class. Because Valentine, driver by Peter the Second, jockeyed in the first two heats of the 2:14 pace and refused to let his horse make the time the judges declared he should, he was suspended from the track for ninety days. Valentine claimed that the breaking of the horses' hobbles was the cause. All bets on the race and heat were also declared off. Dora J., which had won

STRANG, AUTO DRIVER, GOES TO LAST RACE

Killed While Trying to Dodge Wagon on Road; Recently Sued for Divorce by His Wife and Grew Reckless as to Life.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.—Louis Strang, of Racine, Wis., probably the best known automobile racer in Wisconsin, was killed at Blue River, Wis., this afternoon. He was driving a car in the State reliability tour, the car jumping an embankment.

Strang was in charge of the machine carrying the technical committee. While going along at good speed the machine encountered a passing team. In endeavoring to get out of the way

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SOUTH RICHMOND WINS AT BOWLING

The second game of the series was bowled on the Palmyr Alleys, at Forest Hill, last night, when the South Richmond Giants defeated the Swansboro Tigers two out of three games. The scores:

South Richmond Giants.			
	1.	2.	3. Total.
Stewart (capt.)	136	161	168 465
G. Schutte	144	147	150 441
B. Schutte	146	137	127 379
Chapple	148	135	141 424
Montague	155	123	212 500
	742	699	798 2,149
Swansboro Tigers.			
	1.	2.	3. Total.
J. Orill	114	112	142 368
B. Orill	114	133	143 390
Conway	120	149	143 412
Heppert	110	156	117 403
Saunders (capt.)	117	151	125 403
	575	726	670 1,971

Spray Won First.
Houston, Va., July 20.—Spray took the first game from Houston to-day, 3 to 2. The visitors started scoring in the first. Houston, in the fourth, tied the score, but lost on errors combined with Spray's hitting in the sixth. Booker, in left, starred for the locals. Batteries: Houston—Hawthorne and Lieb. Spray—Johnson and Odell.

Blackburne Recovers.
Chicago, Ill., July 20.—Russell Blackburne, the \$11,000 shortstop of the Chicago American League baseball team, who has been out of the game since early in the spring, following a surgical operation on his knee, has recovered and will join his team in a few days.

Tidewater League

Results Yesterday.			
Suffolk, 5; Elizabeth City, 2.			
Old Point, 4; Portsmouth, 3.			
Newport News, 2; Norfolk, 1.			
Standing of the Clubs.			
Suffolk	W.	L.	P.C.
Elizabeth City	10	8	.556
Norfolk	7	4	.633
Newport News	6	7	.462
Portsmouth	4	8	.333
Old Point	4	8	.333

Franks Gets Decision.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Suffolk, Va., July 20.—In the pitchers' contest between Franks and Stafford, the former won for the Nancies, notwithstanding the frequent errors of his teammates. Franks also helped with a home run.

Score by Innings:
R. H. E.
Elizabeth City, 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2 5 2
Suffolk, 0 0 3 0 0 1 10—5 7 2
Batteries: Stafford and Cleveland; Franks and Klock. Attendance, 750.

Gunsners Victorious.
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Shipbuilders Win.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newport News, Va., July 20.—In one of the greatest games seen at the Casino Park this season, the Shipbuilders defeated the Norfolk Tars to-day 2 to 1. Boyne's hit in the ninth breaking up the game. Norfolk made its one run in the ninth, and had two men thrown out at the plate from the outfield in that round.

Score by Innings:
R. H. E.
Newport News, 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—2 5 3
Norfolk, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 7 1
Batteries: Thompson and Rogers; Hogue and Lucia. Umpire, Callahan. Time, 1:40. Attendance, 400.

APPALACHIAN LEAGUE

At Cleveland: Cleveland, 2; Bristol, 2.
At Asheville: Asheville, 2; Johnson City, 9.
At Knoxville: Knoxville-Morrisstown, rain.

Pertinent Comment

BY GUS MALBERT

The array of flinging talent which the local management has been promising for these many days arrived yesterday. At least a very appreciable amount of it arrived. "Doc" High, late of the Norfolk Tidewater outfit, was the first to put in an appearance, and he worked against Lynchburg. Jimmie Johnson, from the lowest just across from Norfolk, or Portsmouth, was the second, and he is resting up for Saturday's game. The one who will arrive and for whom the fans will have a royal welcome is none other than Lefty Hanks, the best portpaw artist in this league, when he is right. Owner Bradley completed the deal yesterday by which Hanks comes to Richmond. He was under suspension by the Danville club, but Bradley came across with the purchase price. With the addition of High, Johnson and Hanks Richmond has five pitchers. If the three of the new ones are good somebody will have to go, and the choice will be between Revelle and Verbut.

Rapp and Pierce were given their unconditional releases yesterday. Danville after Pierce and can land there at once if he wants to. But says he has other plans. He states that he can get jobs galore, and that he has no idea of going further into the bushes to work. Pierce may work well under a manager who will take no fooling from the big fellow. He has about everything a man needs to make a successful pitcher. But somehow or other he didn't deliver for the locals. Rapp has formed no plans.

High made his debut yesterday, and while he lost the game, he showed up fairly well. He hit something excellent, even though he hit two men, and several of the hits made off him came in the infield. He was cool, effective with men on bases and, considering that he was working a strange town, should be judged leniently.

Johnson is a big boy, and if his pitching stacks up with his size he is a fixture. If the experiments turn out well, he will be something to watch out wanting to hurt the feelings of the best little third baseman in the league, a suggestion from this source is that Baker be taken from the top of the batting order and put further down. With Priest, a fast man, at the top, Dobson, who is batting much better and is the candy on laying down bunts, and then letting the batting order remain the same, with Baker in Dobson's place, it appears that the offense of the team would be strengthened. This is purely a suggestion, however, now, is certainly faster than Baker. Ever since the boy hurt his ankle he has been coming back to the mound. He smacks the ball to deep short or second, but is unable to beat the throw, even when the fielding is not clean. This is a sad proof that he is not the man for the top place. Another good reason is that he is not getting on as often as he did formerly. As stated in the outset, this is nothing to the discredit of the boy. He is willing and works hard and works well, but the success of the team, not the advantage of an individual, is the object to be achieved.

Here is the line-up suggested: Priest, Dobson, McCabe, Wallace, Martin, Mattis, Baker, catcher, pitcher. Look it over and see what you think of it.

Some there were who held that Richmond should have won the game because the umpire gave patterned action. One was in the fifth, when Lynchburg scored twice, which hurt. As a matter of fact, close observation failed to find any real fault with the umpire. He had several close decisions, but his ruling looked fair and right. High was batted, whether the hits be in field or to the garden, he did not do long as they put men on bases, and in position to score. Sharp fielding kept the score down both for Richmond and for Lynchburg. The only thing in the game to be criticized was Wallace's

failure to go to the ground for Bruck's hit instead of trying to field the ball with his foot. The two errors made, by Martin in the first, and Dobson in the ninth, had no effect on the score, but Wallace's misjudgment let Bruck score.

But, after all is said and done, we can't begin any younger to win. Coxan is willing to do his part. He is working hard and is giving the best he has in him. The other fellows are doing the same. With the pitching department strengthened, the club should go. Let's start now.

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ther from the rest of the teams. Richmond, of course, gets closer to Danville, but this crablike advancement hardly meets with approval. Fortunately, Roanoke lost, and we are now within striking distance of fourth place. It will not take many games to get to third. As a matter of fact, by taking both of the remaining games from Stockdale, the trick can be turned.

Bresnahan met McGraw yesterday, and Sir Roger got the better of the argument by taking the first of the series from the Giants. The St. Louis team is up in the bunch, and the nearer toward the finish the teams get, the more probable does it seem that Bres-

nahan's hopes for a pennant will be realized.

Revelle seems to think that poor judgment was exercised in starting him in games which were half over. His argument is that since he had won six and lost three games, he should have been started in a game, his record leading to the conclusion that he would have won. It sounds reasonable, but every game can be played better after it is over.

The Athletics and the Tigers both lost yesterday, which makes no change in their relative standing.

Louis Strang is dead. Reckless driv-

ing accounts for it. He is said to have brooded over the fact that his wife was suing him for divorce.

Cowan had pretty nearly a perfect record yesterday. He accepted ten chances without a misplay. Faced the barrier four times and made three hits and a sacrifice. Scored one run and directed the game. Which seems to prove that a man may manage a ball club and still play ball.

Morrison, for Lynchburg, played the game. His fielding was little short of sensational, and his pegging cut off at least one run. McDonnell also did some stunts, as did Zanelli.